

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Reynolds called the regular meeting of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 14, 2016 in the District Office Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Jason Redick, Debra Brown, Chanz Keeney, Jenny Daniels, Jason Van Eck, In meeting via phone Carol Babcock Absent: Angela Clegg, Nick Augsburger

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Luke Augsburger, Todd Barrett, Terry Augustadt, Josh Dargis, Colleen Henry, Andy Price, Ralph Brown, Steve Brown, Mark Looney, Jennifer Sedlock, Rachel Stucky, Cheryl Hicks, Josh Darwood; Certified: Lisa Canaday, Elizabeth Beckett, Barbi Riggs, Katie Adams; Classified: Velma Canfield, Brenda Tunnell; Board Recording: Secretary Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Sean Morgan, representing *the New Era*, Jennifer Moody, representing *the Albany Democrat Herald*, parents and grandparents of ESPY winners, Vern Sanders, Stacey Hanson

2. ESPY Awards

Every month two students are selected from each school and presented with an ESPY Award at the Board Meeting. The award is presented to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies. Selections for the month of October are: Foster School – Trinity Victor, Peyton Markell; Hawthorne School – Grady Garcia, Kaitlynn Limerick; Holley School – Dylan Luttner; Oak Heights School – Alexis Starkey, Montana Whitworth; SH Jr. High School – Alexander Kisselburgh, Natalie Rodgers; and SH High School – Kristen Adams, Nathan Hager. Congratulations to all of this month's ESPY Award winners! Jason Redick handed out the awards.

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

Chairman Reynolds called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

Motion No. 16-51: Board Member Chanz Keeney moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Jason Redick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments: Stacey Hanson, a parent from Foster, concerned with large classroom sizes and not enough assistance time

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Sweet Home High School Student – Madeline Neusechwander reported on the High School canned food drive that brought in over 5000lbs of canned food. Winter sports are starting this week.

B. Certified and Classified Representatives – none

C. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Yahraes shared the following information:

- **Enrollment:** Highlights -- — Sweet Home School Districts enrollment has decreased slightly since the beginning of the year by 11 students. In comparing our November 2016 enrollment to last year's November 2015, Sweet Home School District has increased by 25 students. We have had a slight increase of enrollment at Hawthorne and a slight decrease at Foster. Other schools have remained relatively stable. CK- asked about FO - We added 2 FTE which covered the larger class sizes.
- **Attendance Rate and Recognition:** Holley Elementary received the attendance award this month with an attendance average of 96.5%. Mr. Yahraes will present Principal Barrett with a gift certificate from target obtained and sponsored by our Sweet Home Elks Club. He received this at the Elk's Club Back to School event for our students. At this event last month the Elks Club had fun family games and prizes for kids and parents while helping families obtain school supplies. Mr. Yahraes will entrust Principal Barrett to use this gift certificate as a reward for a deserving student.
- **Bond Exploration:** September 26, 2016, we had a well-attended Board Work Session with the goal of informing and educating ourselves to the State Matching Facility Funds program, targeted to help districts in low income areas improve their learning environments and repair or replace class room spaces and facility systems that are nearing the end of their life span. Indications are the Facility Grant Matching funds will expire after the May 2017 elections. We are still exploring the possibilities of being able to put a 4 million dollar bond before the community which does not raise taxes, and which may be fully matched by a State Grant of 4 million dollars—in essence raising 8 million dollars without raising taxes. Our next step was to educate ourselves with facilities tour, which 4 board members performed October 21. Each school site was discussed and five schools we physically toured. We discussed updating security systems, replacing and/or repairing aging and deteriorating structures and modernizing learning spaces. We are recommending a follow up Board Work Session November 28 at 6:00 pm to complete our baseline Bond Exploration Discussion.

6. Consent Agenda

- Approved minutes from October 10, 2016 School Board Meeting
- Approved resignation of Heidi Holmdahl, Temp. 2nd Grade Teacher, Holley Elementary effective October 21, 2016
- Approved/appropriated \$900 from ODE IDEA – Extended Assessment 2016/17. This grant will be used for support training toward the state wide assessment of students with disabilities
- Approve/appropriated \$5,305 from ODE IDEA Enhancement Grant. This grant will be used for activities which support enhancement of activities including RTI, PBS, expanded SPR&I, determination issues, and other trainings related to support students with disabilities
- Approved hire Marci Sullens – Temporary .1 Title 1 teacher at Hawthorne Elementary for the 2016-17 school year
- Approved/appropriated \$10,012 from ODE Career Pathway Program Grant. These funds will be used by the district to improve the welding technology and carpentry programs with improved equipment, or professional development

Motion No. 16-52: Board Member Jason Redick, moved to approve the consent as presented. Board Member Chanz Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information/Discussion

A. Four vs. Five Day Week Discussion:

Work week presentation from:

Director of Teaching and Learning: Rachel Stucky

Director of Finance: Kevin Strong

Director of Transportation: Cheryl Hicks

Director of Facilities: Josh Darwood

Certified Sweet Home President: Lisa Canaday

Classified Sweet Home President: Velma Canfield

Board Discussion

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes

Motion No. 16-53: Board Member Chanz Keeney made a motion to make the five day week in 2017-18 an action item. All were in favor

8. Action Items

- A. Move to a five day week in 2017-18

Motion No. 16-54: Board Member Chanz Keeney moved to have a five day week in 2017-18. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Board Comments** – Chairman Mike Reynolds read a letter from the Central Linn Superintendent who thanked Tom Yahraes and facilities department for the offering of using one of our school buildings to them during a recent mold issue at Central Linn.

- 10. Late Items** – No late items

11. Future Agenda Items

Next Board Officers Meeting December 5th, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. DO

Next Board Meeting December 12th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary

This meeting was also recorded and saved supt/board/audio